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For: TEXTURE MAPPING METHOD  
AND APPARATUS FOR  
COMPUTER IMPLEMENTED  
GRAPHICAL IMAGE PROCESSING

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Sir:

Applicant requests consideration of ☒ the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or ☐ the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. The references listed on the Form PTO-1449 were previously cited in application serial no. 08/563,157 to which the captioned application is seeking priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120; therefore, a copy of each reference is not enclosed.

1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

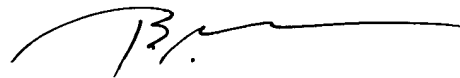
- a. ☒ within 3 months of the filing date of the above identified application, or within 3 months of entry into National stage prosecution of an International application, or before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and thus no certification and/or fee is required.

- b. ☐ after the events of above paragraph 1a and prior to the mailing date of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and thus:
- ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, or  
☐ a fee of \$240.00 is enclosed.
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- ☐ the certification of paragraph 2 below is provided, and  
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2. It is hereby certified:
- ☐ that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Statement, or
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3. ☐ Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:
4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:
- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) \_\_\_\_\_, and/or
- ☐ reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:
5. ☐ Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
6. ☐ Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.

7. ☐ The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.
8. ☐ Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

If any required fees are missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5181-40901/BNK.

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